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CHINA'S EXPORT GROWTH AND THE CHINA SAFEGUARD: THREATS TO THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM?
The World Bank. Chad P. Brown and Meredith A. Crowley. May 1, 2010.

Is there evidence from China's pre-WTO accession period that newly imposed U.S. or EU import restrictions deflect Chinese exports to third markets? The authors examine this question by drawing on

a newly constructed data set of U.S. and EU product-level import restrictions on Chinese trade imposed between 1992 and 2001 and estimate their impact on Chinese exports to 38 alternative markets.

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http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSPContentServer/WDSP/IB/2010/05/04/000158349_20100504110239/Rendered/PDF/WPS5291.pdf

[PDF format, 41 pages].

Item#2

THE COURSE OF INNOVATION: USING TECHNOLOGY TO TRANSFORM HIGHER EDUCATION. Education Sector. Ben Miller. May 18, 2010.

The National Center for Academic Transformation has helped a number of colleges redesign courses to both improve student learning and save costs. With higher education facing its worst fiscal environment in a generation, it would seem that all institutions would adopt these proven reforms. But this is not the case. The report highlights successful redesign models as well as the barriers to innovation in higher education.

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[PDF format, 29 pages].

Item#3

FACING AN AMERICAN RETIREMENT SECURITY CRISIS. New America Foundation. Lauren Damme. May 17, 2010.

There are three main sources of retirement security upon which Americans depend: pensions, non-financial assets (usually homes), and Social Security. Pensions are the least broadly distributed asset: only 34.2 percent of Americans 65 and over earn pension income, while 54 percent have income from assets and over 85 percent receive Social Security payments.

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Item#4

FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN SECURITY SECTOR REFORM. U.S. Institute of Peace. Robert Perito and Madeline Kristoff. May 20, 2010.

Corruption in the security sector damages society's trust in the government. Donors must coordinate on anti-corruption programs and make sure not to engage in corruption themselves.

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Item#5

GREEK CRISIS AND THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION – PART I. YaleGlobal. Jonathan Fenby. May 5, 2010.

Membership in the 16-nation euro zone was supposed to boost Europe's wealth, but the debt crisis in Greece reveals how a weak link in the chain could also risk spreading misery. Deeming Greece, a nation of 10 million, "too big to fail," EU members scramble to put together a bailout package. Any rescue plan carries a moral hazard, encouraging irresponsible risk-taking not only on the part of target nation Greece, but also from other states, banks or related businesses. Crises with global implications, from the sub-prime mortgages in the US to spendthrift ways in Greece, prompt wariness among investors on issuing debt, explains author Jonathan Fenby.

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Item#6

GREEK CRISIS AND THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION – PART II. YaleGlobal. Jean-Pierre Lehmann. May 7, 2010

Internal divisions can endanger any union more than external threats. Mistrust can decimate cooperation, explains Jean-Pierre Lehmann. Lehmann describes Greece's immense debt load, the history of corruption, and their effect on the European Union. The notion of bailing out a corrupt spendthrift member to protect the union's whole may not seem the most moral course for an organization that stresses good governance. Short-term gain and security are not enough to build a strong, lasting union, Lehmann warns, noting that the European ideal requires long-term agreement and sacrifice for "a dream, a mission and a vision."

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Item#7

MANAGING ALLIANCES IN AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD. The Heritage Foundation. Walter Lohman. May 10, 2010.

America's network of alliances is critical to maintaining our role as the Asia-Pacific's indispensable, predominant power. Seemingly, all sides of the debate over U.S. Asia policy converge on this key point, and, to its credit, the Administration has logged its fair share of frequent flyer miles and speech text underscoring it. But what is the network's purpose, the report asks.

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Item#8

PAKISTAN'S NEW GENERATION OF TERRORISTS. Council on Foreign Relations. Jayshree Bajoria. May 6, 2010.

Pakistan has emerged as a terrorist sanctuary for some of the world's most violent groups, including al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and homegrown militants, that threaten the stability of Pakistan as well as the region.

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Item#9

RENMINBI REVALUATION WON'T TRIGGER A SHOPPING SPREE. YaleGlobal. Zhiwu Chen. May 12, 2010.

Many economists and policy analysts maintain that resolving huge trade imbalances is easy – the Chinese government should just let the renminbi appreciate. But that quick fix won't do much, contends Zhiwu Chen, professor of finance with the Yale School of Management. Revaluing the renminbi would shift manufacturing to other low-cost Asian nations, without spurring Chinese spending on U.S. goods or creating jobs in the U.S. Chen concludes that privatization and greater taxpayer representation in policymaking would do more than currency revaluation to boost Chinese spending and tame global imbalances.

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Item#10

STRENGTHENING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE RELATIONS: THE CORNERSTONE OF TAIWAN-U.S. TIES. Brookings Institution. Da-jung Li. May 2010.

A strong and stable relationship with the United States is undoubtedly at the center of Taiwan's overall foreign relations. Non-governmental interaction is an important part of international relations, and is perhaps more important in the Taiwan-U.S. relationship than in most other bilateral connections. Taiwan and the United States enjoy a deep, friendly, and mutually beneficial relationship, but they have lacked formal government-to-government relations with one another since 1979.

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